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Albert A. Monette and Janice I. Monette both hereby declare:

1. That we are the two joint inventors of the claimed subject matter of this patent application.
2. Before 06 May 2002, we constructed an embodiment of the claimed subject matter, as shown in Appendix A. As shown in Figures 1 and 2 of Appendix A, the embodiment included a mailbox having a body, a first door, and a second door. The body defined a first opening to receive a mail item and a cavity to contain the mail item. The body

included a primary section that substantially prevents light from entering into the cavity, and a secondary section that substantially allows light to enter into the cavity. The doors move between an open position (Figure 2) that allows access through the openings into the cavity and a closed position (Figure 1) that prevents access through the openings. The doors substantially allow viewing of the cavity in the closed position (Figure 3).

3. Before 06 May 2002, we tested the embodiment and concluded that the embodiment allowed visual inspection of the contents of a mailbox cavity without opening the door of the mailbox, which was the intended purpose.
4. After we constructed and tested the embodiment, we designed and ordered labels for the embodiment, as shown on our embodiment in Figure 3 of Appendix A and as shown in Appendix B. The purchase of the labels occurred before 06 May 2002, as evidenced by the date (which have been redacted with black ink) on the "Order/Invoice" document from Copy Cat Sign & Print, which is attached as Appendix C.
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APPENDIX B



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APPENDIX C

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DATE ORDERED

ORDER/INVOICE

DATE NEEDED

COMPANY

CONTACT

ADDRESS

PHONE

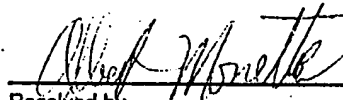
FAX

E-MAIL

Amount Down

☐ CHECK ☐ CASH ☐ CREDIT CARD

Quantity	Description	TOTAL AMOUNT
1	SHEET OF STICKERS SAF-VUE	10.00

Received by 	Sub total	10.00
	Tax	.60
	Total	10.60

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